



Safety Awareness

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the agency processed more than 23 million firearm background checks in 2015. The amount of applications processed is telling; there's likely an increase in privately owned weapons (POW) in the hands of Soldiers. It's important to keep in mind that while Soldiers qualify with their weapons as part of training, owning a POW is vastly different. The USACRC developed the Range and Weapons Safety Toolbox to aid leaders in the management of safe weapons handling both on and off duty. Visit <https://safety.army.mil/ON-DUTY/RangeandWeaponsSafetyToolbox.aspx> to learn more.

BG Farnsworth distributed a safety message addressing the recent spike in pedestrian-related fatalities across the Army. Since sending the message, we lost another Soldier on Jan. 22, who was struck by a vehicle and killed while walking along a highway, bringing the total pedestrian-related fatalities to eight since the beginning of the FY. You can read/download BG Farnsworth's message at https://safety.army.mil/Portals/0/Documents/MEDIA/DASAFMESSAGES/Standard/2017/Pedestrian_message_30Jan2017.pdf

Our spring/summer safety campaign products are now available. The campaign runs from 1 Mar to 5 Sep 2017 (end of Labor Day weekend). Visit <https://safety.army.mil/MEDIA/SeasonalSafetyCampaigns/SpringSummer2017.aspx> for articles, posters and videos themed on seasonal topics to augment existing safety programs. Topics include maintenance safety, heat injury prevention, distracted driving prevention, personally owned weapons, water safety and more. All products are easily downloadable and ready to use in whatever format you prefer.

An integral component to reduce accidental loss is communicating relevant risk management information from our leaders to our Soldiers, Civilians and families. In addition to our homepage – <https://safety.army.mil> – we use several social media outlets to convey information about the Army Safety Program and to emphasize the value of on and off duty safety. Check out our platforms:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/US-Army-Combat-ReadinessSafety-Center/61118583543>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/SafetyCenter>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/USArmySafety>

We appreciate your feedback and if there's a better way to do business regarding safety awareness, we're listening. BG Farnsworth and I have confidence that through command emphasis and engaged and accountable leaders that our accidental losses will continue to dwindle.

Readiness Through Safety!

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